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1. Opposition to Communist maneuvers on the Bolivian labor front has recently increased in the Central Obrera Boliviana (COB) and its departmental counterpart in La Paz, Central Obrera Departamental (COD). Among the more recent defeats was a proposal for an official COD protest against Victor ANDRADE, Bolivian Ambassador to the U.S., for what the Communists termed "selling out to the U.S." Although the proposal was defeated by an ample margin, it is still under study by the COD directorate and is expected to be released to the Bolivian press at a later date.
2. Meanwhile, leaders of the Communist Party of Bolivia (PCB) are most concerned over what they feel to be increasingly rightist tendencies of the government and are considering the withdrawal of PCB members in important government posts as a first step toward active opposition to the administration. Also, the Communists are openly soliciting the adherence of left-wing members of the Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario (MNR) to the Communist labor movement, and are having some success.
3. Both the PCB and the Trotskyist Partido Obrero Revolucionario (POR) are concerned over the recent split in the Industrial and Commercial Workers' Union of La Paz, where distribution of support of these opposing Communist movements was so nearly equalized as to allow right-wing members of the MNR to assume control of this organization. This rightist exploitation of leftist differences appears to be a fast developing pattern throughout the Bolivian labor front.

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